Kelman, John

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May 4th, 1920

Rev. Dr. John Kelman,
Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church,
New York.

My dear Dr. Kelman:

Some time ago I wrote to you asking whether it would be possible for you to preach a sermon in the Convocation Hall of the University of Toronto some Sunday during the course of the next academic year. We are arranging our programme for the first term, and if it were at all possible for you to come we should like to have you in the first term.

I think that you would be interested in visiting the University, which is very large and representative of the most homogeneous section of the Canadian people. I do not need to assure you that we would do everything in our power to make your visit pleasant.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
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NEW YORK.

May 20, 1920.

My dear President Falconer:-

I am very much distressed and ashamed that I have been so long in answering your most kind and honoring letter. I have indeed retained the letter hoping that I might have the opportunity of coming to you, but, unfortunately, I find that it will be quite impossible for me to do this during next winter. It is possible that I may be in America next summer. This summer I have to spend in Japan with my daughter who is sick there. At the first opportunity I would be only too glad and proud to come to the University during the summer months. I fear a winter Sunday will always be difficult and almost impossible here. But if the winter season is the only one available for you I shall make arrangements for one day on some future occasion, as soon as I can possibly do it, if you wish me.

With all kind regard and very heartfelt and sincere apology, believe me,

Yours most sincerely,

John Kelman

May 26th, 1920

Rev. J. Nelson,
Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church,
New York.

My dear Dr. Nelson:

Many thanks for your letter. I need not assure you that I am very sorry that it will be impossible for you to be with us next winter, particularly by reason of the fact that the illness of your daughter compels you to spend the summer in Japan. I hope that her illness will only be temporary and that your anxiety will soon be relieved.

At the same time I am very pleased to have you promise that you will come to us as soon as you possibly can, and you will of course be greatly welcomed. I am sorry that we cannot ask you to come in the summer, because our course closes at the end of March or the beginning of April. Any time, however, after the first Sunday of October would suit us very well. I will, however, write to you some time next winter, or possibly take the opportunity of calling upon you when I am in New York, so that we may have you here as soon as possible.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.